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SUBJECT: C STAFF NOTES TWO

1. ROMANIA AND MFN. THURSDAY VANIK HELD HEARINGS ON ROMANIA AND MFN. JACOB BIRNBAUM'S WAS THE ONLY JEWISH GROUP REPRESENTED. THE HEARING WENT PRETTY SMOOTHLY WITH HAMILTON AND FRENZEL TESTIFYING STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF MFN. VERY LITTLE SUBCOMMITTEE TURNOUT AND VANIK SPOKE AND ACTED IN A MANNER EXTREMELY FAVORABLE AND FRIENDLY TO ROMANIA. IN THE LATTER PART OF THE SESSION, REP. DODD RAISED RAUTA, AND VANIK RESPONDED THAT RAUTA WAS A MEMBER OF CEAUSESCU'S ADVANCE PARTY, HAD TRIED TO BARTER THE POUCH, AND ASKED HOW WE WOULD REACT IF OUR PRESIDENT'S ADVANCE MAN HAD ACTED IN A SIMILAR FASHION. WHEN THE ISRAELI IMMIGRATION ISSUE WAS RAISED, VANIK APPARENTLY
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SAID THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS NOT GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN QUESTIONS OF EMMIGRATION TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

THE ROMANIANS CERTAINLY RECEIVED THE MESSAGE THAT THE HOUSE IS EXTREMELY RELAXED ABOUT ROMANIA. WE, IN OUR STATEMENT, EXPRESSED OUR PROBLEMS WITH ROMANIA FAR MORE STRONGLY THAN DID THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PRESS PLAY. THE PROGRAM GOT QUITE A BIT OF PRESS THIS MORNING. EVANS AND NOVAK AND GRAHAM HOVEY PIECES WITH THEIR PECULIAR SPIN WERE SENT SEPTEL (STATE 152145). AT NOON BRIEFING TOM RESTON WAS ASKED WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION THOUGHT CYPRUS AND THE EMBARGO WERE STILL LINKED. HE USED GUIDANCE TO EFFECT THAT WE HAVE COMPLIED FULLY WITH THE LAW AND WE NOW FEEL EMBARGO IS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO SETTLEMENT. SOMEONE HAD TAPE RECORDER AT WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING AND PUT OUT EXERPT ON RADIO IN WHICH CLIFFORD PREDICTED TURKEY MIGHT LEAVE NATO "SOME DAY" IF EMBARGO NOT LIFTED.

3. WHITE HOUSE. PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF GREEK AMERICANS NEXT THURSDAY AT WHITE HOUSE. WE ARE POLLING CONGRESSMEN FOR CONSTITUENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INVITED.

4. SALT COORDINATING GROUP MEETING. CONTRADICTING OUR EARLIER INFORMATION, S/S NOW SAYS THE SECRETARY CANNOT JOIN COORDINATING GROUP MEETING JUNE 22. THE OAS MINISTERIAL BILATERALS NOW CONFLICT. WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ARE FULL AS WELL.

4. OTHER SALT. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THAT HE ATTEND THE LUNCHEON OF THE US/USSR
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TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL ON JULY 6. YOU WILL ALSO BE RECEIVING AN INVITATION TO BE PRESENT. CHRISTOPHER

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